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Examiner : Stephen Michael Gravin  
Docket No. : 9397  
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Customer No. : 27752  
Title : FABRIC ARTICLE TREATING APPARATUS WITH  
SAFETY DEVICE AND CONTROLLER

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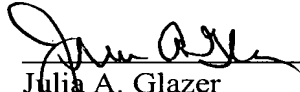
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